

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a gross abuse of the public airwaves which the media are granted free permission to use by the public.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. They should not be allowed to use our public airwaves to advance their biased opinions, especially given the inordinate amount of market share that Sinclair controls. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please stop Sinclair and other media conglomerates from hijacking our democracy and drowning legitimate public discourse with their partisan propaganda. Thank you.